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an amount of at least one agent sufficient to elicit an irritant side-effect to a user when utilized in a composition that does not include an interleukin-1 antagonist or a TNF-alpha antagonist, and wherein said irritant agent is an active agent in said composition,

an amount of at least one compound selected from the group consisting of interleukin-1 antagonists, TNF-alpha antagonists and combinations thereof, sufficient to prevent or alleviate said irritant side-effect, and a cosmetically, dermatologically or pharmaceutically acceptable medium therefor.

2. (Amended) The composition of Claim 1, wherein the agent which produces an irritant side-effect is selected from the group consisting of alpha-hydroxy acids, beta-hydroxy acids, alpha-keto acids, beta-keto acids, retinoids, anthralins, anthranoids, peroxides, minoxidil, lithium salts, antimetabolites, vitamin D and depigmentation agents.